Industries of Onattukara.

174. ✻ **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) whether the Department of Industries has investigated into the possibilities of developing the industries of Onattukara (Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli and Mavelikara taluks) by the conversion of raw materials into finished goods ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the reason of such investigation and the further steps taken in pursuance of the same ; and

(*c*) whether the question of opening an Industrial School has been considered by the Department and the Government ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It is found, as a result of the investigations, that there is much scope for the development of the screwpine industry. There is also a grant-in-aid screwpine mat weaving school in the Mavelikara taluk. To make the best use of these mats, a certain person in Trivandrum started a factory for making embroidered screwpine articles which find a ready sale in Bangalore, Madras and Bombay, thereby using a lot of mats made in the above taluks. The Itinerant Weaving Party of the Department of Industries camped at Karunagapalli for nearly a year and conducted a temporary weaving school and carried on demonstrations in weaving to popularise the industry in the locality.

(*c*) The question has been considered by the Department.

Cultivation of the Maruthuvamala Mampuram lands.

175 ✻ **MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is a Duffadar in the office of the Conservator of Forests ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that the said Duffadar has been actually managing the affairs of the "Maruthuvamala Mampuram" property in Nedumangad taluk ;

(*c*) whether Forest Beat Guards are posted in the property to cultivate it ; and

(*d*) whether they are aware how the cultivation of the property and its improvements are carried on ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) No.

The Malaria Epidemic.

176. ✻**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware that malaria is prevalent in the eastern *pakuthies* of the Nedumangad, Neyyattinkara and Kottarakara taluks ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that the *pakuthies* where malaria is now widely prevalent border the reserved forests ;

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(*c*) whether they are aware that there are wide areas of wet lands inside the reserved forests that border and lie in places where malaria is prevalent now; and

(*d*) whether they are aware that the existence and out-break of malaria in the Nedumangad, Neyyattinkara and Kottarakara taluks are due to the presence of wide areas of wet lands inside the reserved forests and mosquito breeding therein?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. Some of the *pakuthies*.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No.

Malaria hospitals in Nedumangad.

177. ❋ **MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that patients suffering from complicated cases of malaria are alone admitted in the temporary malaria hospitals at Palode, Vidura and Arianad;

(*b*) on what date the Government ordered malaria patients being admitted in the above hospitals and on what exact date or dates the patients were actually admitted in those hospitals;

(*c*) when the construction of sheds was completed by the P.W.D. and the sheds were handed over to the Medical Department for admitting the patients; and

(*d*) when the malaria patients were admitted in the hospitals in Neyyattinkara?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) There was no order of Government with regard to the date of admission of patients in the temporary hospitals referred to by the member. Admission was begun on the 7th Kanni 1111 at Arianad, on the 17th at Palode and on the 20th at Vidura.

(*c*) The shed at Palode was handed over to the Medical Department on the 2nd Kanni and those at Arianad and Vidura on the 7th Kanni 1111.

(*d*) *Name of hospital.*		*Date of Admission.*
Chembur	...	24-1-1111
Ottasekharamangalam	...	18-1-1111
Perumkadavila	...	18-1-1111
Kunnathukal	...	21-1-1111
Maranallur	...	24-1-1111
Kallikad	...	22-1-1111

Building for Pallikkal Anchal Office.

178. ❋ **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is a proposal to put up a building at Government cost on a Government site for the Pallikkal Anchal Office in the Mavelikara Taluk;

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